BELFAST TRADE AND SHIPPING.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable House of Commons, dated 11 March 1831; *for*,

AN ACCOUNT of the VALUE of the IMPORTS into and EXPORTS from the Port and Harbour of *Belfast*, during each of the Fifteen Years ending 5th January 1831; also, AN ACCOUNT of the Number of VESSELS, with the Amount of their TONNAGE, and the Number of MEN and BOYS employed in navigating the same, that entered Inwards and cleared Outwards at the Port of *Belfast*, from and to all Parts of the World during the same time.

No. 1.

LETTER from the Collector and the Comptroller of Customs, at the Port of *Belfast*, to the Commissioners of Customs, *London*.

Custom House, Belfast,
21st March 1831.

Honourable Sirs,

Pursuant to your Order, No. 119, directing us to prepare and transmit in Duplicate, the undermentioned Return; *viz.*

"An Account of the Value of the Imports into and Exports from the Port and "Harbour of Belfast during each of the Fifteen Years ending 5th January 1831;" also,

"An Account of the Number of Vessels, with the Amount of their Tonnage, "and the Number of Men and Boys employed in navigating the same, that "entered Inwards and cleared Outwards at this Port, from and to all Parts of the "World during the same time."

Enclosed we transmit the two said Accounts, in Duplicate, made out to the extent to which the Books in our possession will admit of; and we beg to report, that with the view of procuring, if possible, the information necessary to complete the Returns required, and of which our official books are deficient, we applied to the Corporation for improving the Port and Harbour of Belfast, and have received in reply from their Secretary the annexed Letter (No. 2.), enclosing an Account, containing all the information upon the subject which it appears that body is capable of affording.

We are,
Honourable Sirs,
Your most obedient faithful servants,

(signed) *Stephen May*, Collector.
(signed) *Cha. Trevor*, Comptroller.

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AN ACCOUNT of the Value of the IMPORTS into and EXPORTS from the PORT and HARBOUR of *Belfast*, during each of the Fifteen Years ending 5th January 1831.

YEAR.	VALUE of IMPORTS direct from Foreign Parts.	VALUE of EXPORTS direct To Foreign Parts.	VALUE Of Imports and Exports Coastwise.
1816 - -	-- The Official Books in this Office contain no Accounts of the Value of Imports or Exports prior to the Year 1825 - -		-- The Official Books in this Office contain no Account whatever of the Value of Goods coastwise.
1817 -			
1818 - -			
1819 - -			
1820 - -			
1821 - -			
1822 - -			
1823 - -			
1824 - -			
1825 - -	-- The Official Books in this Office contain no Accounts of the Value of Imports.	314,942 14 2	
1826 - -		272,505 9 1	
1827 - -		378,908 15 7	
1828 - -		324,395 15 8	
1829 - -		328,090 10 7	
1830 - -		292,521 4 11	

St^n May, Coll^r.
Chas Trevor, Comp.

Custom House, Belfast, 21 March 1831.

AN ACCOUNT of the Number of VESSELS, with the Amount of their TONNAGE, and the Number of Men and Boys employed in navigating the same, that entered Inwards and cleared Outwards at this Port, from and to all Parts of the World, during each of the Fifteen Years ending 5th January 1831.

YEAR.	TOTAL NUMBER OF VESSELS entered Inwards.			TOTAL NUMBER OF VESSELS cleared Outwards.		
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Men.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Men.
1816 - -	-- There are no Books in this Office which contain Accounts of the number of Vessels which entered Inward or cleared Outward, in any year prior to 1824.					
1817 - -						
1818 - -						
1819 - -						
1820 - -						
1821 - -						
1822 - -						
1823 - -						
1824 - -	2,088	185,324	10,237	1,207	105,905	6,179
1825 - -	2,445	203,536	12,284	1,391	129,244	7,842
1826 - -	2,158	200,734	13,372	1,115	126,626	8,625
1827 - -	2,245	228,962	13,735	1,151	149,032	8,988
1828 - -	2,357	216,694	9,899	1,179	163,729	7,481
1829 - -	2,562	252,850	12,725	1,212	158,744	8,570
1830 - -	2,394	242,448	15,308	1,244	163,022	10,739

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Custom House, Belfast, 21 March 1831.

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No. 2.

LETTER from the Ballast Master of the Port of *Belfast* to the Collector and Comptroller of that Port.

Gentlemen, Ballast Office, March 19, 1831.

I AM directed by the Corporation for preserving and improving the Port and Harbour of Belfast, to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 18th instant; and beg leave to inform you, that there are no Records kept in their Office of either the Imports or Exports, or of their Value. The number of Shipping, with the amount of Tonnage for the last Fifteen Years, they are happy to immediately furnish you with, or any other document in their possession. The number of Men employed have, from the best information, been estimated at nine men to each vessel, on an average of the whole.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

(signed) *James Lewis*,
Ballast Master, &c.

PROGRESSIVE INCREASE of SHIPPING and TONNAGE in the PORT of *Belfast*, from the Year 1816 to 1830, inclusive.

YEAR.	Number of Vessels Arrived.	REGISTERED TONNAGE.	Supposed Number of Men, by Nine to each Vessel.
1816 - -	1,060	88,770	9,540
1817 - -	1,258	103,959	11,322
1818 - -	1,429	127,263	12,861
1819 - -	1,500	121,590	13,500
1820 - -	1,477	127,335	13,293
1821 - -	1,535	136,495	13,815
1822 - -	1,735	153,500	15,615
1823 - -	1,776	152,437	15,984
1824 - -	2,040	175,294	18,360
1825 - -	2,060	183,441	18,540
1826 - -	2,102	209,252	18,918
1827 - -	2,144	219,148	19,296
1828 - -	2,390	241,560	21,510
1829 - -	2,493	257,522	22,437
1830 - -	2,473	246,463	22,257

THE above is a correct Statement, as taken from the Books belonging to the Ballast Corporation.

(signed) *James Lewis*, Ballast Master.

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Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed,*
30 *March* 1831.

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